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**BLAST AT BOGGS
'BIG LIE'--WILLIS**

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WASHINGTON Chairman Edwin E. Willis D-La., of the House Committee on Un-American Activities said Friday Rep. Hale Boggs of Louisiana has been victimized by "the big lie" in a Russian magazine.

Willis commented on the magazine article when Boggs appeared before the committee again to urge establishment of a "freedom academy" to school Americans to combat Communist propaganda.

The May issue of New Times, a Soviet weekly devoted to world affairs, said Boggs had previously told the committee the prototype of the academy's activity should be "the work done by our security agencies, the FBI particularly, on the domestic scene, the CIA elsewhere in the world."

"In short," the article continued, "it was a question of setting up an institution in which American diplomats, correspondents, businessmen, tourists and sportsmen going abroad

would be trained in the art not only of anti-communism, but also of subversion."

Rep. Willis said "This item is a wholesale lie, typical of the kind of 'news' published in Soviet organs." What Boggs really said, according to Willis, was: "That while the FBI, and the CIA work was vital and essential, the work of the freedom academy would be in other fields."

"This is not intelligence work," Boggs had said. "It is not checking on subversives—all of which is vital and important to the security of the country and the security of freedom everywhere."

In testimony before the House committee Friday advocating establishment of an academy, Boggs said what the Russians call subversion, he calls truth. He said it was apparent the Soviets' interest in the proposed academy indicates they are afraid of it.

Rep. Boggs maintained that a freedom academy would equip Americans with a "firmer, more extensive manner to counter the para-military and propaganda techniques of the Communist orbit, and at the same time provide constructive tactics to foster our own democratic principles."

He said the Communist attempt to gain control of the Dominican Republic showed the Reds' determination to subvert the Western Hemisphere.